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Request to ensure COVID Protocols , Camp Vaccinations at all stations of AIR & DD and Implementation of ex-gratia compensation of RS.50 Lakhs to the employees of Prasar Bharati in case of loss of their life due to COVID 19.

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**The Chief Executive Officer
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Subject : Request for

- a) Implementation of a comprehensive Insurance Scheme for AIR & Doordarshan staff as per Prasar Bharati letter No. A 10011/Term Insurance/2020-PPC dated 07.01.2021.**
- b) Ex-gratia and Compassionate Appointment in case of Covid-19 victims in AIR & Doordarshan.**
- c). Standing instruction to all stations uniformly to follow COVID Protocols strictly and to properly disinfect the stations on regular basis following latest SOPs issued by DOPT and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI , and**
- d). Vaccination of all staff at the office premises with the help of STATE & CENTRAL health agencies to ensure vaccination of all staff at earliest –reg.**

Respected sir,

With most affectionate regards, it is brought to your kind attention that several employees of AIR and Doordarshan have fallen victim to the Covid-19 pandemic during last one year and there are lot more number of cases being reported from all over the country during this second wave of Novel Corona Virus.

It is pertinent to mention here that the technical staff of AIR and Doordarshan, have undoubtedly responded to the call of duty ensuring uninterrupted broadcast of AIR & DD services spreading awareness during the pandemic without caring for personal safety.

Employees of AIR and Doordarshan are active in the frontline of India's fight against the Corona Virus Outbreak and are working round the clock disseminating authentic information through several language channels so that the effort/message of the government under the leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, reaches the entire population.

Our staffs are working over the length and breadth of this vast Nation in remote locations, border areas as well as in Disturbed areas, unmindful of high dangers and difficulties.

We highly appreciate the efforts of Prasar Bharati through its letter No. A 10011/Term Insurance/2020-PPC dated 07.01.2021 for taking serious initiative regarding extension of ex gratia compensation of RS.50 Lakhs to the employees of Prasar Bharati in case of loss of their life due to COVID 19.

AIR & DD have been very effective in creating awareness about COVID-19 and keeping the morale of the people up during the lockdown periods. Our government is fully aware of the fighting spirit of these frontline workers of AIR & DD and the hazards they face.

Sir, the lives of the employees of AIR and DD need to be protected from the aforesaid hazards they usually face while discharging their duties, in addition to ensuring their safety while working during this Corona Outbreak.

We are sorry to inform you that COVID has taken its toll among our staff also. Many staff members have fallen victim and died in the line of duty. More and more employees are getting affected by the Corona Virus and put under quarantine, especially at major Kendras. It is not out of place to mention that Staff members who are coming to office against all the odds are apprehensive of their lives.

Every day huge number of CORONA cases are being reported now unfortunately. Major kendras like DDK-Lucknow, Thiruvanthpuram, Allahabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Pune etc are under severe attack of virus spread during this second wave of COVID-19 recently.

This has created panic among the administration and the employees resulting into severe unrest among the employees.

This may eventually impair our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic as the working of major stations is being adversely affected with each passing day due to multiplying effect of second wave of COVID-19..

In view of the above, it is humbly requested to your good self to:

- **Formulate a comprehensive Life Insurance Scheme for employees of AIR and Doordarshan to cover against loss of life due to any untoward incident, like natural calamities, terrorist strike, border clashes, Covid 19 etc .**
- **Expedite Sanction of Rs 50 Lakhs Ex- gratia to staff deceased staff fallen victim to COVID 19 as per Prasar Bharati letter No. A 10011/Term Insurance/2020-PPC dated 07.01.2021**
- **Ensure appointment on Compassionate ground to the kin of the such deceased employees and**
- **Instruct all stations uniformly to follow COVID Protocols strictly and to properly disinfect the stations on regular basis following latest SOPs issued by DOPT and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI .**
- **Instruct all stations to arrange COVID Vaccination Camp at the office premises with the help of STATE & CENTRAL health agencies to ensure vaccination of all staff at earliest.**

It is requested to your good self to kindly ensure that employees working with AIR and Doordarshan are brought under the Health Insurance Scheme devised by the GOI for the Health workers, considering these employees as the frontline workers in the fight against the COVID 19.

With profound Regards,

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